

KIDTOWN GUIDE

K-5th Grades

DATE: 9/27/20

SCRIPTURE: John 11

LESSON: Jesus Raised Lazarus



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned about some hard things Jesus taught. His followers wanted Him to do miracles and give them the good life, but He taught them the best thing He could give was Himself. This week we are going to learn about a time when Jesus did do a miracle.

Louder Than an Alarm Clock - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help them interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Supplies: Anything that can make loud noises, a phone alarm or a paper megaphone or an alarm clock

Ask kids what wakes you up in the morning? Is it your parents or an alarm clock? What do they do or say when they wake you up? Do they have to be really loud? Take turns playing loud alarms from a phone or a clock or shouting in a paper megaphone.

Say - All of these things were pretty loud right? Do you think they would be loud enough to wake someone up if they were sleeping? In our story today, Jesus will tell a man who isn't just sleeping but has died to wake up... And what's crazy is... HE WILL!



LESSON - JESUS RAISED LAZARUS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Raised Lazarus](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus knew the end of Lazarus' story. (Kids repeat!)

A note was sent to Jesus about his friend Lazarus that said Lazarus was sick and his sisters wanted Jesus to come heal him. Jesus received the letter and decided not to go right away. Not because he didn't care about Lazarus! But because He knew what was going to happen and how it would all glorify God. This is a great reminder! God always knows the end of the story and His is good even when we think everything is going terrible. Like when you really want a pandemic to end but it won't stop! ;).

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Lazarus' death felt like the end of his story. (Kids repeat!)

When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been buried for four days! The sisters knew that if Jesus had been there *earlier...*, THEN Lazarus would not have died. They knew that Jesus could make miracles happen. But death is the end. No more miracles after death. However, when Martha talked to Jesus, He told her that whoever believes in Him, will never die. Martha said she believed that He was the Messiah and the resurrection would happen *some day* far away. But Jesus had different plans...

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus rewrote the end of Lazarus' story. (Kids repeat!)

What do you think they were thinking, when Jesus asked for them to open the tomb? "There's a dead body in there Jesus!" But Jesus calmly thanked His Father,

and comm-anded Lazarus to come out. AND HE DID! Jesus knew that death wasn't the end. He rewrote the "end" of Lazarus' story in a crazy miraculous way.!

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Because of Jesus' life story, we can trust Jesus with the end of our story. (kids repeat)

Jesus showed that He had power over death in this story. The most important time He showed it though, was when He died on the cross and then resurrected from the grave! Jesus' death and resurrection conquered death for anyone who believes in Him. Just like He told the two sisters that whoever believes in Him will never die, that promise is good for us too! Jesus tells us to believe in Him to have life eternal with Him and the Father and we can trust Him because He proved it time and time again.



RESPONSE

Sing: [Colossians 1:13-14](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Psalm 40:5](#)

Pray: Jesus, you are in control of the story. Thank you for conquering death and saving us from sin. Help us to trust you with our story. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Who was Lazarus and who were his sisters?
- How long did it take Jesus to go to Lazarus, Mary, and Martha?
- What does this story show us about Jesus' timing, even when we want Him to do something RIGHT NOW?
- What did Jesus say to Martha?
- How did He encourage both of the sisters?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - Tell about a time when it was difficult to trust that God was in control of your story (and specifically the timing).

Statues in the Garden - Pick one person to be the "curator" of the museum garden. Everyone else stands in a pose, frozen like a statue. The curator walks around the room while statues try to move without the curator seeing them. The statues can move however they want but when the curator looks at them they have to freeze. If the curator sees a statue move, that statue is out. Statues can win the game by being the first statue to touch the curator.

